



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Hurricane Preparedness Week

WHEREAS, hurricanes are among the most dramatic, damaging and potentially deadly weather events; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency are urging residents of New England's coastal communities to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season; and

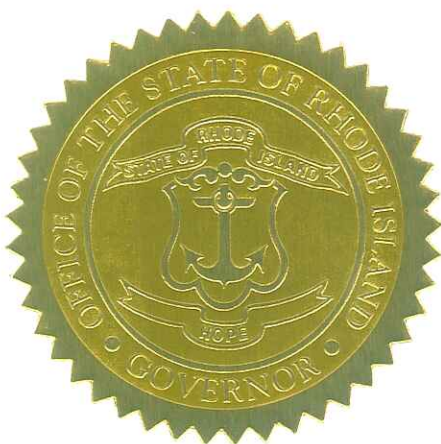
WHEREAS, the force of hurricane winds can cause tremendous devastation, toppling trees and power lines and undermining weak areas of buildings; and

WHEREAS, past hurricane seasons have illustrated that the consequences of seasonal and coastal flooding can be devastating, and the greatest potential for loss of life related to a hurricane is from the storm surge; and

WHEREAS, while the emergency response team, composed of our federal partners, state and local governments and officials, is preparing for the 2011 Hurricane Season, it is critical that families and communities do all they can to prepare as well; and


WHEREAS, we all have a stake in emergency preparedness, and the outcome of the next disaster will be defined by this preparedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May 22 to 28, 2011 as Hurricane Preparedness Week and urge all Rhode Islanders to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 20th day of May, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State